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Note verbale dated 3 February 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament, requesting that the draft programme of work for the 2015 session submitted by the Mexican presidency of the Conference on Disarmament should be issued as an official document of the Conference

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations Office and other international organizations based in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office at Geneva, the Office of the Acting Director-General and Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament, and has the honour to refer to the 2015 session of the Conference on Disarmament.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of Mexico, in its capacity as President of the Conference on Disarmament, requests that the document entitled "Draft programme of work for the 2015 session", under the symbol CD/WP.584, should be registered as an official document of the 2015 session of the Conference on Disarmament.

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Programme of work for the 2015 session

1. *Convinced* that the Conference on Disarmament, as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community, has the primary role in substantive negotiations on priority questions of disarmament,

2. *Recognizing* also the need to conduct multilateral negotiations with the aim of reaching agreement on concrete issues, and considering that the present international climate should give additional impetus to multilateral negotiations,

3. *Recalling*, in this respect, that the Conference on Disarmament has a number of urgent and important issues for negotiation to achieve disarmament goals,

4. *Taking into consideration* the final document of the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, which recognized that all the peoples of the world have a vital interest in the success of disarmament negotiations, and that, consequently, all States have the duty to contribute to efforts in the field of disarmament, and that while disarmament is the responsibility of all States, the nuclear-weapon States have the primary responsibility for nuclear disarmament; and that the adoption of disarmament measures should take place in such an equitable and balanced manner so as to ensure the right of each State to security and to ensure that no individual State or group of States may obtain advantages over others at any stage,

5. *In pursuance of its agenda*, in accordance with and fully respecting its rules of procedure, and given the mandate conferred to the Conference on Disarmament by the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and the necessity to conserve the nature of this forum,

6. *The Conference decides* to start substantive work under its agenda immediately, and to that end takes the following decision for the establishment of a programme of work for the duration of the 2015 session:

(a) Under agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", to negotiate, with a view to reaching agreement on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, on a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

(b) Under agenda item 2, entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective measures related to nuclear disarmament. These measures can include practical steps for progressive and systematic efforts to reduce nuclear weapons with the ultimate goal of their elimination, and could take the form of an international legally binding instrument or convention to prohibit the possession, development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, transfer, use or threat of use of nuclear weapons and to provide for their destruction;

(c) Under agenda item 3, entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space", to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on legal arrangements to prevent the deployment of weapons in outer space and the threat or use of force against outer space objects. These arrangements could take the form of an international legally binding instrument;

(d) Under agenda item 4, entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons", to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on such effective international arrangements, that could take the form of an international legally binding instrument;

(e) Under agenda item 5, entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons", to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on measures to prevent the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons. These measures could take the form of an international legally binding instrument;

(f) Under agenda item 6, entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament", to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on the elements of a programme for general and complete disarmament under strict international control. This could take the form of an international legally binding instrument;

(g) Under agenda item 7, entitled "Transparency in armaments", to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on the elements of multilateral arrangements on this matter, including legally binding agreements.

7. All negotiations shall be carried out under the responsibility of the corresponding President of the Conference on Disarmament at the time of their occurrence, in accordance with the schedule of activities below, and shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future, and shall also address questions related to each agenda item.

8. In accordance with rule 23 of the rules of procedure, if the Conference deems it advisable, the Presidents may establish subsidiary bodies, such as ad hoc subcommittees and working groups, technical groups or groups of governmental experts, open to all member States of the Conference, unless the Conference decides otherwise, to perform the functions assigned under each agenda item.

9. Each of the Conference Presidents shall present a report to the Conference on the progress of the work conducted under these agenda items during his/her Presidency, before the end of the fifth presidency of the current session.

10. In order to carry out the above-mentioned negotiations, and in accordance with rules 20, 28 and 29 of its rules of procedure, the Conference on Disarmament agrees to hold plenary sessions under the following schedule:

First part

[President: Mexico]

19–30 January	Statements in plenary meetings. Consideration of the agenda and programme of work
2–6 February	**Agenda item 2, entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters"**
9–13 February	**Agenda item 2, entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters"**

[President: Mongolia]	
16–20 February	**Agenda item 3, entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space"**
23–27 February	**Agenda item 3, entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space"**
2–6 March	**Agenda item 4, entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons"**
9–13 March	**Agenda item 4, entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons"**
[President: Morocco]	
16–20 March	**Agenda item 5, entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons"**
23–27 March	**Agenda item 5, entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons**

Second part

25–29 May	**Agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament"**
1–5 June	**Agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament"**
[President: Myanmar]	
8–12 June	**Agenda item 6, entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament"**
15–19 June	**Agenda item 6, entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament"**
22–26 June	Further consideration of outstanding matters
29 June–3 July	Further consideration of outstanding matters
[President: Netherlands]	
6–10 July	**Agenda item 7, entitled "Transparency in armaments"**

Third part

3–7 August	Further consideration of outstanding matters
10–14 August	**Agenda item 7, entitled "Transparency in armaments"**
17–21 August	Further consideration of outstanding matters

[President: New Zealand]

24–28 August	Further consideration of outstanding matters
31 August–4 September	Final statements, and consideration and adoption of the report
7–11 September	Final statements, and consideration and adoption of the report
14–18 September	Final statements, and consideration and adoption of the report

11. In adopting this programme of work, the Conference has kept in mind the provisions of rules 30 and 31 of its rules of procedure.